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(57) Abstract: A discrete powder which comprises particles in which a biliquid foam has been entrapped within a matrix of a polymeric material. A process for the preparation of these discrete powders comprises the steps of: i) preparing a biliquid foam, ii) forming a dispersion of the biliquid foam in an aqueous solution, suspension or dispersion of a polymeric material, and iii) subjecting the dispersion to drying under conditions such that a discrete powder is formed.

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### BILIGUID FOAM ENTRAPMENT

5 The present invention relates to biliquid foam entrapment and, in particular, to a biliquid foam entrapped within a matrix of a polymeric material which is in the form of a discrete powder.

10 The entrapment of oils or oil soluble substances (especially perfumes and coloured dye precursors) in microcapsules and their subsequent coating onto paper and other surfaces is well known in the art. Microcapsules of this type comprise individual droplets of oil or oil soluble substances (of size ranging from sub-micrometre to tens of millimetres in diameter) around which polymer walls have been formed  
15 by one of a number of chemical processes. Usually such microcapsules are prepared as an aqueous suspension which is then capable, with the addition of suitable modifying reagents, of being sprayed or printed onto paper and other surfaces. The object in so doing is  
20 usually to prevent the evaporation of volatile substances (for example, perfumes) or the degradation or chemical reaction of oil soluble species (for example, colourless dye precursors) until the microcapsules are broken by the application of shear  
25 forces by scratching or scraping the coated surface with the consequent release of their contents. Such coatings find major uses, for example, in the forms of "scratch and sniff" perfume coatings or NCR (No Carbon Required) paper.

30 However, these microcapsules suffer from a number of disadvantages.

35 Firstly, the process by which microcapsules are formed is a lengthy and uncertain one in which control over temperature, pH and the absence of any form of contamination is essential. The formation of microcapsules, for example, by complex coacervation from gelatin and an anionic complexing species such as

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gum acacia takes many hours and demands very close control of pH, temperature and cooling rate. Similarly, the formation of microcapsule walls from aminoplast resins, such as melamine-formaldehyde or urea-formaldehyde takes at least eight hours during which precise control over all controllable parameters needs to be effected. Moreover, the effectiveness and completeness of any individual encapsulation process (and therefore the quality of the microcapsules so formed) depends largely on the chemical nature of the oil and/or oil soluble substances being encapsulated.

A further disadvantage of microcapsulation is that the thickness and therefore the strength of the microcapsule wall is variable and is not easily controllable and varies with the nature of the oil or oil-soluble substances being encapsulated. Thus microcapsules made by the same process but from different oils may have widely differing strengths and resistance to breakage during the printing process and during subsequent storage and use.

A yet further disadvantage of microencapsulation is the limited number of chemical processes and the limited number and type of polymeric wall materials which are available to form them. The choice as to the properties of the wall materials is consequently limited with regard to their flexibility, tensile strength, permeability, chemical inertness, mammalian toxicity and other properties including solubility and melting point (if any). In addition, some of the chemicals commonly used in the wall forming process are themselves highly irritating and may themselves be toxic such, for example, as the use or release of formaldehyde (a potential carcinogen) during the manufacture of aminoplast resin walls. Moreover, the remaining traces of formalin in the resulting microcapsule suspension are virtually impossible to eliminate to below acceptable levels for uses of

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microcapsules and requires special precautions to be taken during the manufacturing process.

Whilst many of the processes to produce microcapsules produce dispersions of the microcapsules in a fluid medium, they can also be produced in the form of a powder.

Other methods of encapsulating oil within a powder are generally based upon the drying of an oil-in-water dispersion. Examples of this prior art include EP-B-0938932 which discloses a process for manufacturing a cosmetic and/or dermatological powder in which an oil-in-water dispersion comprising at least one modified starch is dehydrated to form a powder and US-A-6129906 in which a granular powder is formed by spray drying an aqueous dispersion of a silicone oil and a water-soluble carrier, the silicone oil being present in the dispersion as discrete droplets having a droplet size in the range of from 0.5 $\mu$ m to 20 $\mu$ m.

WO 99/05299 discloses a surface coating in which droplets of a non-polar substance are trapped within a polymer film, the surface coating being prepared by drying a dispersion of a film forming polymer containing droplets of a suspended biliquid foam or emulsion. Surface coatings only are disclosed and this reference does not teach the drying of the dispersions to form a powder.

We have now developed a discrete powder which is based upon the encapsulation of a biliquid foam.

Accordingly, in one aspect of the present invention provides a discrete powder which comprises particles in which a biliquid foam has been entrapped within a matrix of a polymeric material.

In another aspect the present invention provides a process for the preparation of a discrete powder which comprises a biliquid foam entrapped within a matrix of a polymeric material, which process

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comprises the steps of:

- i) preparing a biliquid foam,
- ii) forming a dispersion of the biliquid foam in an aqueous solution, suspension or
- 5 dispersion of a polymeric material, and
- iii) subjecting the dispersion to drying under conditions such that a discrete powder is formed.

10 The discrete powder of the present invention is preferably produced by spray drying of the dispersion.

Biliquid foams are known in the art and are described in the following literature references by Sebba: "Biliquid foams", J. Colloid and Interface Science, 40 (1972) 468-474; and "The Behaviour of

15 Minute Oil Droplets Encapsulated in a Water Film", Colloid Polymer Sciences, 257 (1979) 392-396. Neither of these articles suggest that biliquid foams might be used in the preparation of spray dried powders.

US Patent No. 4486333 to Sebba describes a

20 particular method for the preparation of biliquid foams by agitating a hydrogen bonded liquid containing a soluble surfactant to produce a gas foam and intermittently adding to the gas foam a non-polar liquid which is immiscible with the hydrogen bonded

25 liquid, the surfactant-containing hydrogen bonded liquid being selected to provide a spreading coefficient equal to or greater than zero.

The oil-based biliquid foam used in the spray dried powders of the present invention will preferably

30 comprise from 70 to 95% by weight of the oil phase and from 5 to 30% by weight of the continuous phase. A surfactant to stabilise the biliquid foam may also be included in an amount of from 0.01 to 3%, preferably from 0.1 to 1% based on the total weight of the

35 biliquid foam. The surfactant may dissolve in either the oil phase, the continuous phase or both phases of the biliquid foam. Generally, the level of surfactant

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used in the formation of the biliquid foams is lower than the level used in the preparation of conventional dry emulsion systems.

5 Oils which may be used in the biliquid foam will in general be substantially water immiscible and liquid at room temperature and may be, for example, a cyclomethicone, dimethicone, phenyl trimethicone, dimethiconol, dimethicone copolyol, trimethylsiloxysilicate, an emollient ester such as isopropyl  
10 isostearate, lanolate, myristate or palmitate, or octyl palmitate, a glyceride such as avocado oil, coconut oil, soybean oil or sunflower oil, or a caprylic/capric triglyceride, a lanolin oil, orange oil, mineral oil or natural oil, or oleyl alcohol, or  
15 any other oil generally known for this purpose, or mixtures of the foregoing. It will be understood that the present invention enables oils to be incorporated into the powder which would normally be difficult to incorporate into conventional dry emulsion systems.

20 It will be understood that the oil phase of the biliquid foam may contain or consist of one or more active ingredients such as fragrances, flavours, deodorisers, perfumes, pharmaceuticals, sunscreens, dyes, pesticides, insect repellants, herbicides, etc.

25 The biliquid foam may contain, as described above, a low level of a surfactant which may be, for example:-

a cationic surfactant such as an amidoamine, a quaternary ammonium compound or a sulphonium salt;

30 an amphoteric surfactant such as an acylamino-acid, an N-substituted alkylamine, an N-alkyl- $\beta$ -aminopropionate, an N-alkylbetaine, an alkylimidazoline or a sulphobetaine;

35 an anionic surfactant such as an acyl-lactate, N-acylsarcosinate, alkyl-carboxylate (either mono- or polyvalent), alkyl ether carboxylate, N-alkyl-glutamate, fatty acid-peptide condensate, phosphated



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ethoxylated alcohol, alkyl sulphate, ethoxylated alkyl sulphate, alpha-olefin sulphonate or ester-linked sulphonate;

5 a nonionic surfactant such as an alkanolamide, amine oxide, ester of a polyhydric (for example an ester of an ethylene, diethylene or propylene glycol, or glycerol or a polyglycerol, or sorbitan, glucose or sucrose), a polyoxyethylene or polyoxypropylene derivative of an alcohol, amide or ester, or a  
10 polyoxyethylene/polyoxypropylene block copolymer;  
or a suitable compatible mixture of these surfactants.

The continuous phase of the biliquid foam is generally an aqueous phase which may include therein a  
15 substantial level of a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> (water miscible) alcohol, or ethylene glycol or mixtures thereof.

The continuous phase of the biliquid foam may include therein preservatives, stabilizers or other materials known in the art.

20 Methods of producing biliquid foams are described in US-A-4486333 involving the preliminary formation of a gas foam in order to provide a sufficiently large surface area on which the biliquid foam can subsequently be formed. It has been found that the  
25 prior formation of a gas foam is not required to manufacture a stable biliquid foam, provided that a suitable stirring mechanism is provided in the manufacturing vessel. An aspect of the present invention is the ability to manufacture biliquid foams  
30 without the preliminary formation of gas foam, by the use of a tank incorporating a suitable stirring mechanism.

Such an apparatus comprises a tank provided with a stirrer in which the stirrer blade breaks the  
35 interface between the liquid and air. A delivery device is provided through which the oil phase (water immiscible liquid), which will comprise the internal

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phase of the dispersion, is delivered to the tank.  
The design of the delivery device is such that the  
rate of addition of the internal phase fluid can be  
controlled and varied during the production process.

5 A feature of the production process is that the  
internal (oil) phase is added to the stirred aqueous  
phase slowly at first until sufficient droplets have  
been formed to constitute a large, additional surface  
area for the more rapid formation of new droplets. At  
10 this point, the rate of addition of the oil phase may  
be increased.

The production process consists of the following  
steps:

- 15 1. The addition of one or more chosen  
surfactants to one or other or both phases  
(as previously determined by experiment).
2. The charging of the aqueous phase into the  
bottom of a process vessel.
- 20 3. The incorporation of the stirrer into the  
vessel so that it stirs the surface of the  
aqueous phase.
4. Adjustment of the stirrer speed to a  
previously determined level.
- 25 5. The slow addition of the internal phase  
whilst continuing to stir at the prescribed  
speed.
6. The speeding up of the rate of addition of  
the oil phase once a prescribed amount  
(usually between 5% and 10% of the total  
30 amount to be added) has been added.

The stirring rate and the rate of addition of the  
oil phase are variables, the values of which depend  
upon the detailed design of the manufacturing plant  
(in particular, the ratio of tank diameter to impeller  
35 diameter), the physico-chemical properties of the oil  
phase and the nature and concentrations of the chosen  
surfactants. These can all be pre-determined by



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laboratory or pilot plant experiment.

It will be understood by those skilled in the art that other manufacturing methods may be used to produce the biliquid foams, as appropriate.

5 In the present invention the biliquid foam is entrapped within a polymeric material and thereby forms a discrete powder. Water-dispersible or water-soluble film forming polymers of many types are well known and include cellulose derivatives (for example,  
10 carboxymethylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose, cetylhydroxycellulose, hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, hydroxyethylmethylcellulose and methylcellulose), gelatin, gum arabic, gum acacia, gellan gum, shellac, carragenan, natural  
15 starches, modified starches, xanthan gums, alginates, dextrans, polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinyl acetate, polyvinyl pyrrolidone or polyamides and other water dispersible or water soluble film forming agents known in the art. The present invention may include the use  
20 of all the above singly or in combination. Certain of the polymers may only be water-dispersible or water-soluble at elevated temperatures and therefore in the preparation of the dispersions of the biliquid foams and during spray drying, the dispersion mixture would  
25 be used at these elevated temperatures. Industrial, food or pharmaceutical grade polymers may be used, depending upon the end use of the dried powder.

In carrying out the process of the present invention for forming a discrete powder the suspension  
30 of the biliquid foam in an aqueous solution, suspension or dispersion of the polymeric film former is dried under conditions such that a discrete powder is formed. Preferably the said dispersion is spray dried. The choice of suitable spray drying conditions  
35 will be within the knowledge of a person skilled in the art and will depend upon various factors, including the melt temperature of the polymeric

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material, the amount of water contained in the dispersion, the ratio of polymeric material to the biliquid foam etc. Generally the inlet temperature for the spray dryer will be in the range of from 170°  
5 to 210°C and the outlet temperature will be in the range of from 85 to 110°C.

The dispersion which is subjected to drying may also incorporate a structuring or gelling agent therein. Any such agent must, however, shear thin  
10 when the dispersion is subjected to atomisation forces, for example during spray drying. Such a structuring or gelling agent may assist in maintaining the integrity of the dispersion prior to the drying process.

Typically, in carrying out the present invention the biliquid foam will have a mean droplet size in the range of from 1 to 45 micrometres. A biliquid foam having such a droplet size can generally be produced under low shear conditions. For the purpose of the  
15 present invention the droplet size of the majority of the droplets of the biliquid foam should preferably be further reduced to below 12 micrometres, for example by using higher shear conditions.  
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The biliquid foam is then mixed with an aqueous solution, suspension or dispersion of the polymeric material under conditions which generate a homogeneous dispersion. For example, using gentle stirring or  
25 using a high shear device, such as a Roto Stator mixer.

It will be understood that although spray drying is the preferred method of producing the discrete powders of the present invention, other drying techniques, such as freeze drying and fluidized bed granulation can also be used.  
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The discrete powders of the present invention generally incorporate high levels of oil entrapped within the polymeric material, typically from 5 to 50%  
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by weight, preferably from 20 to 40% by weight based on the weight of the powder.

5 The discrete powders of the present invention will generally have a mean particle size in the range of from 5 to 150 $\mu$ m. It will be understood, however, that larger particle sizes may be obtained by the use of techniques known in the art, such as granulation. The size range may then be of the order of 5 $\mu$ m to 1mm.

10 The invention provides a means of controlling the rate of release of the oil entrapped within the polymeric material by exercising control over the concentration and ratio to the biliquid foam of the film forming polymer in solution or suspension and thereby controlling the thickness and strength of the  
15 film forming the outside of the particles.

The invention also allows for release of the oil by dissolution of the film by contact with water or other polar solvent. For example, the powder may contain a fragrance or aromatherapy oil and be  
20 sprinkled onto water in a bath. In addition, the water-soluble or water dispersible film forming polymer may be partially or wholly crosslinked to render it partially or totally water insoluble by which means the rate of release of the entrapped  
25 biliquid foam may be controlled by the speed or absence of dissolution when the powder makes contact with water or other polar liquid in which it might otherwise be soluble. Different powders could then be mixed together in order to give a range of release  
30 rates, if required.

Alternatively, the choice of film-forming polymer may be such that it is sensitive to acidity or alkalinity so that the release of the entrapped oil may be determined by a change of pH or by the presence  
35 of another chemical species with which the film-forming polymers may react, so rendering it permeable or unstable. Alternatively, the choice of film-

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forming polymer may be such that it is sensitive to temperature or biological conditions. The powder may alternatively comprise a polymer which melts at a known and predetermined temperature to release the entrapped oil.

In one embodiment, the entrapped biliquid foam may comprise a perfume which, when dried into a discrete powder will behave and perform precisely as a conventional, microencapsulated "scratch and sniff" perfume as previously described. Furthermore, an encapsulating polymer may be chosen that allows the release of the perfume by diffusion over time, such as in a room fragrancing device.

In another embodiment, a perfume or deodorising composition is entrapped according to this invention in a discrete powder which is incorporated into a diaper, incontinence pad or feminine hygiene product during manufacture so that the perfume or deodorising composition is released on contact with aqueous bodily fluids when the diaper, incontinence pad or feminine hygiene product is used, thereby masking or neutralising any disagreeable odour.

In another embodiment, the powder may be provided as a dry skin wash composition containing a cleansing, moisturising or emollient oil. In this instance, the dry powder would be applied to the skin and rubbed either with or without the addition of water in order to release the entrapped from the polymer matrix.

In another embodiment, the biliquid foam comprising a household cleaning oil, such as orange oil may be entrapped in water soluble polymer powder particles on a suitable applicator together with other reagents (for example, an abrasive material, such as a pumice or water soluble antimicrobial agents) to form a dry surface which, when wetted, becomes an effective hard surface cleaning product.

In another embodiment the powder may be provided

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as a carpet or fabric cleaning or deodorizing composition and the oil will then comprise a suitable cleaning or deodorizing oil.

5 In yet another embodiment, the matrix forming polymer may comprise a brittle film which ruptures easily when deformed so releasing the entrapped non-polar substance. In one application of this embodiment, the powder may be coated onto a flexible film which may, for example, be shrunk onto the cap of  
10 a consumer product such that if the flexible film is removed, the particles rupture so releasing the non-polar substance which, in this instance, may be the colourless precursor of a coloured dye which, on release, undergoes a chemical change to become highly  
15 coloured. This embodiment thereby gives a clear indication as to whether or not a closure has been tampered with. Alternatively, the powder may be incorporated into the film forming polymer precursor during the preparation of the flexible films. The  
20 film forming polymer precursor will be chosen from suitable materials which do not dissolve the powder.

In a still further embodiment of the present invention the discrete powder particles may be granulated or formed into tablets according to  
25 techniques known in the art. In these processes the powder may be combined with one or more binders, excipients, fillers, disintegrants or other suitable materials.

The powders of the present invention may also be  
30 incorporated during extrusion of a polymer melt. In this instance the polymer system will be selected such that the polymer melt does not dissolve the polymer used in the preparation of the powders of the invention. The melt temperature of the polymer used  
35 in forming the powders will also need to be greater than that of the extruding polymer.

The oil which is incorporated into the powder may

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be chosen such that it boils at a given temperature, thereby rupturing the powder, or film or extruded polymer containing the powder, thereby causing a trigger release of the oil. This embodiment may be used, for example, for the release of a latent catalyst which may enable controlled chemical modification of the extruding polymer to take place.

A still further release mechanism may be the use of polymeric systems in the formation of the powders of the invention which are biodegradable, thermally degradable or photodegradable. The oil contained in the powders would then be released on degradation of the polymers.

The present invention will be further described with reference to the following Examples.

#### PREPARATION OF BILIQUID FOAMS

##### Preparation 1

A biliquid foam was prepared from the following ingredients.

	Ingredients	Weight (g)	%
	<b>Aqueous Phase</b>		
25	Water	396	9.9
	Sodium lauryl ether sulphate	4	0.1
	<b>Oil Phase</b>		
	Volpo L3	36.4	0.9
30	Medium viscosity white mineral oil	3563.6	89.1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4000</b>	<b>100</b>

The biliquid foam was prepared by adding the oil phase to the aqueous phase and stirring with a flat bladed stirrer at 300 rpm until the mean droplet size



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was 15-20 micrometres.

A 1kg sample was removed and this was stirred with a flat bladed stirrer at 500 rpm until the mean droplet size was 11 micrometres.

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### Preparation 2

	Ingredients	Weight (g)	%
	<b>Aqueous Phase</b>		
10	Water	148.5	9.9
	Tween 20	1.5	0.1
	<b>Oil Phase</b>		
	PEG25 castor oil	13.5	0.9
	KMC	1269.7	84.65
15	Pergascript Red I-6B	66.8	4.45
	<b>Total</b>	1500.0	100

The biliquid foam was prepared by adding the oil phase to the aqueous phase and stirring with a flat bladed stirrer at 116 rpm. The mean droplet diameter was 35 micrometres. The stirrer speed was then increased to 250 rpm and stirred until the mean droplet size was less than 12 micrometres.

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### Preparation 3

	Ingredients	Weight (g)	%
	<b>Aqueous Phase</b>		
	Water	47.67	9
30	Sodium lauryl ether sulphate	0.53	0.1
	<b>Oil Phase</b>		
	Laureth 3	4.77	0.9
	Dow Corning 200 50cst	476.74	90.0
35	<b>Total</b>	529.71	100

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The biliquid foam was prepared by adding the oil phase to the aqueous phase whilst stirring with a flat bladed stirrer at 200 rpm for 45 minutes.

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**Preparation 4**

	<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Weight (g)</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>Aqueous Phase</b>		
	Water	44.97	9
10	Sodium lauryl ether sulphate	0.5	0.1
	Kathon 1CG II	0.03	0.006
	<b>Oil Phase</b>		
	Oleth 10	4.5	0.9
15	Orange oil	450.0	90.0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>100</b>

The biliquid foam was prepared by adding the oil phase to the aqueous phase whilst stirring with a flat bladed stirrer at 200 rpm for 45 minutes.

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**Preparation 5**

	<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Weight (g)</b>	<b>%</b>
25	<b>Aqueous Phase</b>		
	Water	52.60	9.8
	Sodium lauryl ether sulphate	0.532	0.1
	Kathon 1CG II	0.026	0.0048
30	<b>Oil Phase</b>		
	Etocas 25 (PEG25 Castor oil)	4.78	0.9
	Rose oil fragrance L301844	478.44	89.2
35	<b>Total</b>	<b>536.378</b>	<b>100</b>

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The biliquid foam was prepared by adding the oil phase to the aqueous phase whilst stirring with a flat bladed stirrer at 200 rpm for 45 minutes.

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**Preparation 6**

	<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Weight (g)</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>Aqueous Phase</b>		
	Water	14.85	9.9
10	Tween 20	0.15	0.1
	<b>Oil Phase</b>		
	Oleth 10	1.35	0.9
	Octyl methoxy cinnamate	133.65	89.1
	<b>Total</b>	150	100

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The biliquid foam was prepared by adding the oil phase to the aqueous phase whilst stirring with a flat bladed stirrer at 200 rpm for 45 minutes.

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**Preparation 7**

	<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Weight (g)</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>Aqueous Phase</b>		
	Water	11.29	8.79
25	Tween 20	0.26	0.20
	<b>Oil Phase</b>		
	PEG25 castor oil	0.64	0.5
	Oleth 10	0.64	0.5
	Household Fragrance oil	115.55	90
30	<b>Total</b>	128.38	100

The biliquid foam was prepared by adding the oil phase to the aqueous phase whilst stirring with a flat bladed stirrer at 200 rpm for 45 minutes.

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Preparation 8

	Ingredients	Weight (g)	%
	<b>Aqueous Phase</b>		
5	Water	9	9
	Laureth 23	1	1
	<b>Oil Phase</b>		
	Gransil GCM-5	49.24	49.24
	Cetearyl isonanoate	7.78	7.78
10	Isopar K	7.78	7.78
	Dow Corning 200 50cst	0.97	0.97
	Gransil DMCM-5	24.25	24.25
	<b>Total</b>	100	100

15        The biliquid foam was prepared by adding the oil  
phase to the aqueous phase and stirring with a flat  
bladed stirrer at 174 rpm. The stirrer speed was  
increased to 300 rpm to help with the inclusion of the  
oil before continuing to stir at 174 rpm until the  
20        mean droplet size was 11  $\mu$ m.

Preparation 9

	Ingredients	Weight (g)	%
25	<b>Aqueous Phase</b>		
	Water	9.9	9.9
	Tween 20	0.1	0.1
	<b>Oil Phase</b>		
	Ibuprofen	4.5	4.5
30	Isopropyl myristate	84.5	84.5
	Laureth 3	1	1
	<b>Total</b>	100	100

35        The biliquid foam was prepared by adding the oil  
phase (ibuprofen fully dissolved in the isopropyl  
myristate) to the aqueous phase and stirring with a

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flat bladed stirrer at 174 rpm. The preparation was stirred after the inclusion of the oil until the mean droplet size was 18 micrometres.

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Preparation 10

	Ingredients	Weight (g)	%
	<b>Aqueous Phase</b>		
	Water	49.5	9.9
10	Tween 20	0.5	0.1
	<b>Oil Phase</b>		
	PEG25 castor oil	2.5	0.5
	Oleth 10	2.5	0.5
	Household Fragrance oil	445	89
15	<b>Total</b>	500	100

The biliquid foam was prepared by adding the oil phase to the aqueous phase whilst stirring with a flat bladed stirrer at 220 rpm for 60 minutes. The procedure was repeated twice more to generate three 500g batches which were blended together for use in spray drying examples.

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Preparation 11

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	Ingredients	Weight (g)	%
	<b>Aqueous Phase</b>		
	Water	99	9.9
	Sodium lauryl ether	1	0.1
30	sulphate		
	<b>Oil Phase</b>		
	Laureth 4	9	0.9
	Mineral oil with red dye	891	89.1
35	<b>Total</b>	1000	100

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The biliquid foam was prepared by adding the oil phase to the aqueous phase whilst stirring with a flat bladed stirrer at 110 rpm for 30 minutes. The preparation was then sheared at 230 rpm until the droplet size was less than 10 microns.

Preparation 12

	Ingredients	Weight (g)	%
	<b>Aqueous Phase</b>		
10	Water	39.6	9.9
	Tween 20	0.4	0.1
	<b>Oil Phase</b>		
	Emulsifier A	4	1
	Deodorising oil	356	89
15	<b>Total</b>	500	100

The biliquid foam was prepared by adding the oil phase to the aqueous phase whilst stirring with a flat bladed stirrer at 180 rpm for 60 minutes. The preparation was stirred at 230 rpm until the droplet size was less than 10 microns.

Emulsifier A consists of:

25	Ethoxylated isotridecanol (9EO)	52.52%
	Dipropylene glycol	25.25%
	PEG 40 Hydrogenated castor oil	22.23%



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**Preparation of Dispersions and Spray Drying****EXAMPLE 1**

5           The dispersion was prepared by stirring the biliquid foam into the aqueous polymer immediately before spray drying.

	<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Weight (g)</b>	<b>%</b>
10	Preparation 1	76.9	7.7
	Gum acacia (30% by weight in demineralized water)	923.1	92.3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>100</b>

	<b>Spray drying conditions</b>	
15	Pilot plant	Tests were carried out in a 1m diameter pilot spray drying tower with downward co current air flow. Atomisation was carried out with a two fluid nozzle.
	Total non volatiles	34.6%
	Oil: polymer (dry basis)	20:80
	Inlet/outlet temperature	200°C/95°C
	Yield	85.2%
20	<b>Comment</b>	
	<b>Product Characterisation</b>	
	Nature of dry particle	Fine powder
	Oil encapsulation	Good
	Oil release	Moderate amount of loose oil visible on release.
25	Mean droplet size before spraying	1.99µm

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**EXAMPLE 2**

5 The dispersion was prepared by stirring the  
bilibiquid foam into the aqueous polymer immediately  
before spray drying.

Ingredients	Weight (g)	%
Preparation 1	73.85	8.7
PVP K30 (30% by weight 10 in demineralized water)	465.9	54.8
Mowiol (5% by weight in demineralized water)	310.6	36.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>850.4</b>	<b>100</b>

15	<b>Spray drying conditions</b>	
	Pilot plant	Tests were carried out in a 1m diameter pilot spray drying tower with downward co current air flow. Atomisation was carried out with a two fluid nozzle.
	Total non volatiles	26%
	Oil: polymer (dry basis)	30:70
	Inlet/outlet temperature	210°C/110°C
20	Yield	about 100%
	Comment	
	<b>Product Characterisation</b>	
	Nature of dry particle	Good
	Oil encapsulation	Good
25	Oil release	Little visible oil.
	Mean droplet size before spraying	6.1µm, peak at 11µm.

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**EXAMPLE 3**

The dispersion was prepared by stirring the biliquid foam and water into the aqueous polymer immediately before spray drying.

5	<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Weight (g)</b>	<b>%</b>
	Preparation 1	100	11.7
	Water	74.64	8.7
	Maltodextrin (40% by weight in demineralized water)	52.5	6.1
10	PVP k30 (30% by weight in demineralized water)	630	73.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>847.14</b>	<b>100</b>

15	<b>Spray drying conditions</b>	
	Pilot plant	Tests were carried out in a 1m diameter pilot spray drying tower with downward co current air flow. Atomisation was carried out with a two fluid nozzle.
	Total non volatiles	35%
	Oil: polymer (dry basis)	30:70
	Inlet/outlet temperature	185°C/85°C increased to 90°C
	Yield	17.2%
20	<b>Comment</b>	Product slightly damp initially but spray dried well with higher outlet temperature.
	<b>Product Characterisation</b>	
	Nature of dry particle	Good
	Oil encapsulation	Good
	Oil release	Slight amount of loose oil visible.
25	Mean droplet size before spraying	1.2µm, peak at 9µm.

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**EXAMPLE 4**

5 The dispersion was prepared by stirring the biliquid foam and make up water into the aqueous polymer immediately before spray drying.

	Ingredients	Weight (g)	%
	Preparation 2	116.67	11.67
	Water	66.67	6.67
10	PVP K30 (30% by weight in demineralized water)	816.67	81.67
	<b>Total</b>	1000	100

	<b>Spray drying conditions</b>	
15	Pilot plant	Tests were carried out in a 1m diameter pilot spray drying tower with downward co current air flow. Atomisation was carried out with a two fluid nozzle.
	Total non volatiles	35%
	Oil: polymer (dry basis)	30:70
	Inlet/outlet temperature	203°C/95°C
	Yield	64.21%
20	<b>Comment</b>	
	<b>Product Characterisation</b>	
	Nature of dry particle	Good
	Oil encapsulation	Good
	Oil release	Little visible free oil.
25	Mean droplet size before spraying	0.58µm, peaks at 0.15, 0.7 and 12µm.

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**EXAMPLE 5**

The dispersion was prepared by stirring the biliquid foam and water into the aqueous polymers immediately before spray drying.

	<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Weight (g)</b>	<b>%</b>
	Preparation 3	89.9	11.7
	Water	67.1	8.7
10	Maltodextrin (40% by weight in demineralized water)	47.2	6.1
	PVP k30 (30% by weight in demineralized water)	566.6	73.5
15	<b>Total</b>	<b>770.9</b>	<b>100</b>

	<b>Spray drying conditions</b>	
	Pilot plant	Tests were carried out in a 1m diameter pilot spray drying tower with downward co current air flow. Atomisation was carried out with a two fluid nozzle.
	Total non volatiles	35%
20	Oil: polymer (dry basis)	30:70
	Inlet/outlet temperature	195°C/95°C
	Yield	56.6%
	Comment	Spray dried well
	<b>Product Characterisation</b>	
25	Nature of dry particle	Good
	Oil encapsulation	Good
	Oil release	No visible oil on surface
30	Mean droplet size before spraying	9.9µm

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**EXAMPLE 6**

The dispersion was prepared by stirring the biliquid foam and water into the aqueous polymers immediately before spray drying.

	<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Weight (g)</b>	<b>%</b>
	Preparation 4	105.4	13.7
	Water	48.8	6.3
10	Maltodextrin (40% by weight in demineralized water)	614.7	79.9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>768.9</b>	<b>100</b>

15	<b>Spray drying conditions</b>	
	Pilot plant	Tests were carried out in a 1m diameter pilot spray drying tower with downward co current air flow. Atomisation was carried out with a two fluid nozzle.
	Total non volatiles	45%
	Oil: polymer (dry basis)	27.8 : 72.2
	Inlet/outlet temperature	195°C/95°C
20	Yield	about 100%
	Comment	Spray dried well
	<b>Product Characterisation</b>	
	Nature of dry particle	Good
	Oil encapsulation	Good
25	Oil release	Little visible oil.
	Mean droplet size before spraying	1.4µm



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**EXAMPLE 7**

The dispersion was prepared by stirring the biliquid foam and water into the aqueous polymers immediately before spray drying.

Ingredients	Weight (g)	%
Preparation 4	101.7	11.7
Water	147.1	16.9
Maltodextrin (40% by weight in demineralized water)	266.9	30.6
Gum acacia	355.9	40.8
<b>Total</b>	871.6	100

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Spray drying conditions	
Pilot plant	Tests were carried out in a 1m diameter pilot spray drying tower with downward co current air flow. Atomisation was carried out with a two fluid nozzle.
Total non volatiles	35%
Oil: polymer (dry basis)	30:70
Inlet/outlet temperature	195°C/95°C
Yield	78.3%
Comment	Spray dried well
Product Characterisation	
Nature of dry particle	Good
Oil encapsulation	Good
Oil release	Little visible oil at surface.
Mean droplet size before spraying	1.3µm

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**EXAMPLE 8**

The dispersion was prepared by stirring the biliquid foam and water into the aqueous polymers immediately before spray drying.

	<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Weight (g)</b>	<b>%</b>
	Preparation 5	81.4	11.7
	Water	89.3	12.8
10	Maltodextrin (40% by weight in demineralized water)	128.3	18.4
	PVP k30 (30% by weight in demineralized water)	399.1	57.2
15	<b>Total</b>	<b>698.1</b>	<b>100</b>

	<b>Spray drying conditions</b>	
	Pilot plant	Tests were carried out in a 1m diameter pilot spray drying tower with downward co current air flow. Atomisation was carried out with a two fluid nozzle.
	Total non volatiles	35%
20	Oil: polymer (dry basis)	30:70
	Inlet/outlet temperature	195°C/95°C
	Yield	66.1%
	Comment	Spray dried well
	<b>Product Characterisation</b>	
25	Nature of dry particle	Good
	Oil encapsulation	Good
	Oil release	No visible oil at surface
30	Mean droplet size before spraying	0.95µm, peaks at 1µm and 6.5µm

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**EXAMPLE 9**

The dispersion was prepared by stirring the biliquid foam and water into the aqueous polymer immediately before spray drying.

	<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Weight (g)</b>	<b>%</b>
	Preparation 6	100	11.7
	Water	74.64	8.7
10	Maltodextrin (40% by weight in demineralized water)	52.5	6.1
	PVP k30 (30% by weight in demineralized water)	630	73.5
15	<b>Total</b>	<b>857.14</b>	<b>100</b>

	<b>Spray drying conditions</b>	
	Pilot plant	Tests were carried out in a 1m diameter pilot spray drying tower with downward co current air flow. Atomisation was carried out with a two fluid nozzle.
	Total non volatiles	35%
20	Oil: polymer (dry basis)	30:70
	Inlet/outlet temperature	175°C/95°C
	Yield	92%
	Comment	Spray dried well
	<b>Product Characterisation</b>	
25	Nature of dry particle	Good
	Oil encapsulation	Good
	Oil release	Minimal free oil visible on surface.
	Mean droplet size before spraying	0.7µm, peak at 10µm

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**EXAMPLE 10**

5 The dispersion was prepared by stirring the  
bilibiquid foam and water into the aqueous polymers  
immediately before spray drying.

	<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Weight (g)</b>	<b>%</b>
	Preparation 7	89.9	11.7
	Water	67.1	8.7
10	Maltodextrin (40% by weight in demineralized water)	47.2	6.1
	PVP k30 (30% by weight in demineralized water)	566.6	73.5
15	<b>Total</b>	<b>770.9</b>	<b>100</b>

	<b>Spray drying conditions</b>	
	Pilot plant	Tests were carried out in a 1m diameter pilot spray drying tower with downward co current air flow. Atomisation was carried out with a two fluid nozzle.
	Total non volatiles	35%
20	Oil: polymer (dry basis)	30:70
	Inlet/outlet temperature	195°C/90°C
	Yield	93.8%
	Comment	Spray dried well
	<b>Product Characterisation</b>	
25	Nature of dry particle	Good
	Oil encapsulation	Good
	Oil release	Little visible oil on surface.
30	Mean droplet size before spraying	2.39µm, peaks at 1.5µm and 7.5µm

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**EXAMPLE 11**

The dispersion was prepared by stirring the biliquid foam and water into the aqueous polymers immediately before spray drying.

	<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Weight (g)</b>	<b>%</b>
	Preparation 8	67.2	11.3
	Water	50.2	8.5
10	Maltodextrin (40% by weight in demineralized water)	53.3	9.0
	PVP k30 (30% by weight in demineralized water)	423.3	71.3
15	<b>Total</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>100</b>

	<b>Spray drying conditions</b>	
	Pilot plant	Tests were carried out in a 1m diameter pilot spray drying tower with downward co current air flow. Atomisation was carried out with a two fluid nozzle.
	Total non volatiles	35%
20	Oil: polymer (dry basis)	29:71
	Inlet/outlet temperature	195°C/95°C
	Yield	82.3%
	Comment	Spray dried well
	<b>Product Characterisation</b>	
25	Nature of dry particle	Good
	Oil encapsulation	Good
	Oil release	No visible free oil
30	Mean droplet size before spraying	7.26µm, peak at 11µm

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**EXAMPLE 12**

The dispersion was prepared by stirring the biliquid foam and water into the aqueous polymers immediately before spray drying.

	<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Weight (g)</b>	<b>%</b>
	Preparation 9	79.1	11.7
	Water	59.1	8.7
10	Maltodextrin (40% by weight in demineralized water)	41.5	6.1
	PVP k30 (30% by weight in demineralized water)	498.5	73.5
15	<b>Total</b>	<b>678.1</b>	<b>100</b>

	<b>Spray drying conditions</b>	
	Pilot plant	Tests were carried out in a 1m diameter pilot spray drying tower with downward co current air flow. Atomisation was carried out with a two fluid nozzle.
	Total non volatiles	35%
20	Oil: polymer (dry basis)	30:70
	Inlet/outlet temperature	195°C/98°C
	Yield	76.5%
	Comment	Spray dried well
	<b>Product Characterisation</b>	
25	Nature of dry particle	Good
	Oil encapsulation	Good
	Oil release	Minimal free oil visible on surface.
	Mean droplet size before spraying	18.71µm



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Compression of the powder was performed using a  
tableting machine. Successful tablets were produced.  
The powder was found to withstand high compression  
forces without affecting the redispersion of the oil  
5 droplets upon dissolution in deionised water and the  
droplet size distribution appeared unaffected.

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**EXAMPLE 13**

The dispersion was prepared by stirring the biliquid foam and water into the aqueous polymers immediately before spray drying.

	<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Weight (g)</b>	<b>%</b>
	Preparation 10	136.11	13.61
10	PVP k30 (40% by weight in demineralized water)	511.87	51.19
	Water	295.15	29.52
	Maltodextrin (40% by weight in demineralized water)	56.87	5.69
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	<b>Total</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>100</b>

	<b>Spray Drying conditions</b>	
	Pilot Plant	Tests were carried out in a 1m diameter pilot spray drying tower with downward co current air flow. Atomisation was carried out with a two fluid nozzle.
	-Total non volatiles	35%
20	Oil : polymer (dry basis)	35 : 65
	Inlet / outlet temperature	210°C/96°C
	Yield	80.40%
	Comment	Spray dried well
	<b>Product Characterisation</b>	
25	Nature of dry particle	Good
	Oil encapsulation	Good
	Oil release	Good some coalescence
	Mean droplet size before spraying	4.0µm, peak at 8µm

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**EXAMPLE 14**

The dispersion was prepared by stirring the biliquid foam and water into the aqueous polymers immediately before spray drying.

	<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Weight(g)</b>	<b>%</b>
	Preparation 10	155.56	15.55
10	PVP k30 (40% by weight in demineralized water)	472.60	47.2
	Water	319.44	31.9
15	Maltodextrin (40% by weight in demineralized water)	52.5	5.25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1000.1</b>	<b>100</b>

20	<b>Spray Drying conditions</b>	
	Pilot Plant	Tests were carried out in a 1m diameter pilot spray drying tower with downward co current air flow. Atomisation was carried out with a two fluid nozzle.
	Total non volatiles	35%
	Oil : polymer (dry basis)	40:60
	Inlet / outlet temperature	210°C/95°C
	Yield	74.71%
25	<b>Comment</b>	Spray dried well
	<b>Product Characterisation</b>	
	Nature of dry particle	Good
	Oil encapsulation	Good
	Oil release	Good little coalescence
30	Mean droplet size before spraying	3.0µm, peak at 8µm

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**EXAMPLE 15**

The dispersion was prepared by stirring the biliquid foam and water into the aqueous polymers immediately before spray drying.

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Ingredients	Weight (g)	%
Preparation 10	175.00	17.5
PVP k30 (40% by weight in demineralized water)	433.12	43.31
Water	343.75	38.38
Maltodextrin (40% by weight in demineralized water)	48.12	4.81

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**Total** 1000 100

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<b>Spray Drying conditions</b>	
Pilot Plant	Tests were carried out in a 1m diameter pilot spray drying tower with downward co current air flow. Atomisation was carried out with a two fluid nozzle.
Total non volatiles	35%
Oil : polymer (dry basis)	45:55
Inlet / outlet temperature	210°C/95°C
Yield	68.69%
Comment	Spray dried well, good powder produced.
<b>Product Characterisation</b>	
Nature of dry particle	Good
Oil encapsulation	Appears good from appearance but probably encapsulation lower than expected.
Oil release	Good some coalescence
Mean droplet size before spraying	4.0µm, peak at 8µm

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**EXAMPLE 16**

5 The dispersion was prepared by stirring the  
bilibiquid foam and water into the aqueous polymers  
immediately before spray drying.

	<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Weight (g)</b>	<b>%</b>
	Preparation 10	136.11	13.61
10	Gum acacia (40% by weight in demineralized water)	568.74	56.87
	Water	295.15	29.52
	<b>Total</b>	1000	100

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	<b>Spray Drying conditions</b>	
	Pilot Plant	Tests were carried out in a 1m diameter pilot spray drying tower with downward co current air flow. Atomisation was carried out with a two fluid nozzle.
	Total non volatiles	35%
	Oil : polymer (dry basis)	35 : 65
20	Inlet / outlet temperature	210°C/95°C
	Yield	82.31%
	<b>Comment</b>	Spray dried well
	<b>Product Characterisation</b>	
	Nature of dry particle	Good
25	Oil encapsulation	Good
	Oil release	Good but moderate amount of coalescence
	Mean droplet size before spraying	4.2µm, peak at 7.5µm

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**EXAMPLE 17**

5 The dispersion was prepared by stirring the biliquid foam and water into the aqueous polymers immediately before spray drying.

	Ingredients	Weight (g)	%
	Preparation 10	136.11	13.61
10	Water	295.15	29.52
	Maltodextrin (40% by weight in demineralized water)	568.74	56.87
15	<b>Total</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>100</b>

	<b>Spray Drying conditions</b>	
	Pilot Plant	Tests were carried out in a 1m diameter pilot spray drying tower with downward co current air flow. Atomisation was carried out with a two fluid nozzle.
	Total non volatiles	35%
20	Oil : polymer (dry basis)	35 : 65
	Inlet / outlet temperature	210°C/96°C
	Yield	69.25%
	Comment	Spray dried well but lower yield than Example 16
	<b>Product Characterisation</b>	
25	Nature of dry particle	Moderate
	Oil encapsulation	Some free oil visible
	Oil release	Large amount of coalescence
	Mean droplet size before spraying	7.4µm, peak at 9µm

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**Example 18**

The dispersion was prepared by stirring the biliquid foam and water into the aqueous polymers immediately before spray drying. The dispersion was sheared for 2 minutes on a Silverson disperser before spraying to ensure good mixing.

	<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Weight (g)</b>	<b>%</b>
10	Preparation 11	116.67	11.66
	Modified starch (40% by weight in demineralized water)	612.5	61.25
15	Water	270.88	27.09
	<b>Total</b>	1000	100

20	<b>Spray Drying conditions</b>	
	Pilot Plant	Tests were carried out in a 1m diameter pilot spray drying tower with downward co current air flow. Atomisation was carried out with a two fluid nozzle.
	Total non volatiles	35%
	Oil : polymer (dry basis)	30 : 70
	Inlet / outlet temperature	210°C/96°C
	Yield	98.70%
25	<b>Comment</b>	Spray dried well
	<b>Product Characterisation</b>	
	Nature of dry particle	Good
	Oil encapsulation	Good
	Oil release	Good some coalescence
30	Mean droplet size before spraying	7.6µm, peak at 8µm

"Modified starch" is a chemically modified food starch with a dextrose equivalent value of 32-37%.

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**Example 19**

The dispersion was prepared by stirring the biliquid foam and water into the aqueous polymers immediately before spray drying. The dispersion was sheared for 2 minutes on a Silverson disperser before spraying to ensure good mixing.

	<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Weight (g)</b>	<b>%</b>
10	Preparation 12	116.67	11.66
	Modified starch (40% by weight in demineralized water)	612.5	61.25
15	Water	270.88	27.09
	<b>Total</b>	1000.5	100

20	<b>Spray Drying conditions</b>	
	Pilot Plant	Tests were carried out in a 1m diameter pilot spray drying tower with downward co current air flow. Atomisation was carried out with a two fluid nozzle.
	Total non volatiles	35%
	Oil : polymer (dry basis)	30 :70
	Inlet / outlet temperature	210°C/95°C
	Yield	94.06%
25	<b>Comment</b>	Spray dried well
	<b>Product Characterisation</b>	
	Nature of dry particle	Good
	Oil encapsulation	Good
	Oil release	Good, little coalescence
30	Mean droplet size before spraying	9.26µm, peak at 9µm



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"Modified starch" is a chemically modified food starch with a dextrose equivalent value of 32-37%.

**Footnote to the Examples**

5	<b>Trade Name</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>INCI Name</b>
	Dow Corning 200 50cst	Dow Corning	Silicone
	Etocas 25	Croda Chemicals	PEG-25 Castor Oil
10	Gransil DMCM-5	Grant Chemicals	Cyclopentasiloxane (D5) (and) Polysilicone-11 (and) Dimethicone. (An Organopolysiloxane mixture)
	Gransil GCM-5	Grant Chemicals	Cyclopentasiloxane (D5) (and) Polysilicone-11 (An Organopolysiloxane mixture)
	Isopar K	Exxon Chemical Ltd	Isoparaffin
	Kathon ICG 11	Chesham Chemicals Limited	Mixture of: 5-chloro 2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one and 2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one
	KMC	Rutgers Kureha Solvents GmbH	Diisopropylnaphthalene isomers (mixture)
15	Mowiol 4-88	Kuraray Specialties Europe	Polyvinyl alcohol, partly saponified
	Pergascript red I-6B	Ciba Specialties	Bisindolylphthalide compound
	Tween 20	Fisher Chemicals	Polysorbate 20

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**WE CLAIM:**

1. A discrete powder which comprises particles in which a biliquid foam has been entrapped within a matrix of a polymeric material.
2. A powder as claimed in claim 1 which is a spray dried powder, a freeze dried powder or a powder produced by fluidized bed granulation.
3. A powder as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 which has a mean particle size in the range of from 5 to 150 $\mu$ m.
4. A powder as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the polymeric material encapsulating the biliquid foam is selected from carboxymethylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose, cetyl-hydroxycellulose, hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxy-propylmethylcellulose, hydroxyethylmethyl-cellulose methylcellulose, gelatin, gum arabic, gum acacia, gellan gum, shellac, carragenan, natural starch, modified starch, xanthan gum, an alginate, a dextrin, polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinyl acetate, polyvinylpyrrolidone or a polyamide, or mixtures thereof.
5. A powder as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the biliquid foam comprises an substantially water immiscible internal oil phase which comprises a cyclomethicone, dimethicone, phenyl trimethicone, dimethiconol, dimethicone copolyol, trimethylsiloxysilicate, isopropyl isostearate, lanolate, myristate or palmitate, or octyl palmitate, avocado oil, coconut oil, soybean oil or sunflower oil, a caprylic/capric triglyceride, a lanolin oil, orange oil, mineral oil

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or natural oil, or oleyl alcohol or mixtures thereof.

5        6.     A powder as claimed in claim 5 which comprises from 5% to 50% by weight of an oil, based upon the weight of the powder.

10       7.     A process for the preparation of a discrete powder which comprises a biliquid foam entrapped within a matrix of a polymeric material, which process comprises the steps of:

15           i)     preparing a biliquid foam,  
            ii)    forming a dispersion of the biliquid foam in an aqueous solution, suspension or dispersion of a polymeric material, and  
            iii)   subjecting the dispersion to drying under conditions such that a discrete powder is formed.

20       8.     A process as claimed in claim 7 wherein the drying is carried out by spray drying or freeze drying of the dispersion, or subjecting the dispersion to a fluidized bed granulation process.

25       9.     A process as claimed in claim 7 or claim 8 wherein the biliquid foam prepared in step (i) has a mean droplet size in the range of from 1 to 45 micrometres.

30       10.    A process as claimed in claim 7 wherein the biliquid foam has a droplet size of below 12 micrometres.

35       11.    A process as claimed in any one of claims 7 to 9 wherein the polymeric material is selected from carboxymethylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose, cetylhydroxycellulose, hydroxypropylcellulose,

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hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, hydroxyethylmethylcellulose, methylcellulose, gelatin, gum arabic, gum acacia, gellan gum, shellac, carragenan, natural starch, modified starch, xanthan gum, an alginate, a  
5 dextrin, polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinyl acetate, polyvinyl-pyrrolidone or a polyamide, or mixtures thereof.

12. A process as claimed in any one of claims  
10 7 to 11 wherein the biliquid foam comprises an essentially water immiscible internal oil phase which comprises a cyclomethicone, dimethicone, phenyl trimethicone, dimethiconol, dimethicone copolyol, trimethylsiloxysilicate, isopropyl  
15 isostearate, lanolate, myristate or palmitate, octyl palmitate, avocado oil, coconut oil, soybean oil or sunflower oil, a caprylic/capric triglyceride, a lanolin oil, orange oil, mineral oil or natural oil, or oleyl alcohol, or mixtures thereof.

20 13. A process as claimed in any one of claims 7 to 11 wherein the continuous phase of the biliquid foam is an aqueous phase.

25 14. A process as claimed in any one of claims 7 to 13 wherein the aqueous phase includes therein a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alcohol or ethylene glycol.

30 15. A process as claimed in any one of claims 7 to 13 wherein the spray drying conditions comprise an inlet temperature in the range of from 170 to 210°C and an outlet temperature in the range of from 85 to 110°C.

35 16. A process as claimed in any one of claims 7 to 15 wherein the discrete powder has a mean particle size in the range of from 5 to 150µm.

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17. A process as claimed in any one of claims 7 to 16 wherein the discrete powder is subjected to granulation or formed into tablets.

5 18. A fragrance composition or a deodorizing composition which comprises a powder as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6 in which a fragrance or deodorizing material is entrapped within an encapsulating polymer that allows the release of the  
10 fragrance or deodorizing material over time, or by rupture of the encapsulating polymer on the application of pressure, or by dissolution of the encapsulating polymer on contact with a solvent therefor.

15 19. A diaper, incontinence pad or feminine hygiene product which incorporates therein a fragrance composition or a deodorizing composition as claimed in claim 17.

20 20. A fragrancing device which incorporates therein a fragrance composition as claimed in claim 18.

25 21. A deodorizing device which incorporates therein a deodorizing composition as claimed in claim 18.

30 22. A tamper proof seal which comprises a flexible film incorporating therein or having coated thereon a powder as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6, the encapsulating polymer used in the formation of the said powders rupturing when deformed and the oil contained within the powder  
35 particles comprising a colourless precursor of a coloured dye which, on release, undergoes a chemical change to become highly coloured.

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23. A hard surface cleaning product which comprises a powder as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6, the encapsulating polymer used in the formation of the said powders being water soluble and the oil contained within the powder particles comprising a household cleaning oil, the powder being provided as a dry surface on an applicator.

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